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Important Changes for TEDS SA Discharge File Submissions

Due to the complexities of the new federal TEDS criteria for identifying Substance Abuse admissions and discharges, it was decided that RDMC would generate a TEDS SA Discharge list each month for the regions. Beginning with the July 2007 Discharge file, RDMC will provide a monthly data file to each region containing their SA discharges for that month. Each record in the file will be populated with default values for all the required fields. It will then be the regions' responsibility to make any necessary modifications to the Discharge file and to formally submit that corrected file to RDMC for editing and feedback.

Staff responsible for submitting TEDS SA Discharge files should refer to the "TEDS SA Discharge File" section of the 2008 Data Submission Guide for details. It is available at http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/cmhc/files/ImpGuide_2008/21-ImpGuide_Discharge.pdf. Please do not delay in preparing for this federally-mandated data set. Regions will need to begin collecting the required information no later than July 1, 2007.

Questions pertaining to technical specifications and submission protocol for the new Discharge file should be addressed to Harry Hughes at the Research and Data Management Center. He can be reached at Harry.Hughes@rdmc.org or at 859-260-1960.

Changes to SMI and SED Fields in Client File for 2008

Edit checks for Severe Mental Illness (Field Number 40 in the Client file) will change for Fiscal Year 2008. If a client is indicated as being an SMI client (code = "1') and they are under 18 years of age, a *General* Error will be generated. This condition currently causes a *Possible* Error.

The Severe Emotional Disability field (Field Number 41 in the Client file) has also changed. Currently, anytime a client is SED (Codes "1" or "2") and their age is over 17, a *Possible* Error is generated. Starting with Fiscal Year 2008, when the client is SED and they are age 21 or older a *General* Error will be reported. SED clients over 17 but younger than 21 will continue to generate a *Possible* Error.

For further details on these two fields, see Page 29 in the Client section of the 2008 Data Submission Guide which is available at http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/cmhc/files/ImpGuide_2008/2-ImpGuide_Client.pdf.